

# Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, The present and future well-being of our society requires an involved, caring citizenry with good character; and
- WHEREAS, Concerns about the character training of children, the future stewards of our communities and nation, have taken on a sense of urgency as violence by and against youth increases; and
- WHEREAS, Children need strong and constructive guidance from their families, communities, schools, youth organizations, religious institutions and civic groups; and
- WHEREAS, Scholars and educators agree that conscientious efforts must be made by youth-influencing institutions and individuals to help young people develop good character; and
- WHEREAS, The Aspen Declaration, written in 1992 by educators, youth leaders and ethics scholars, states that "The character and conduct of our youth reflect the character and conduct of society; therefore, every adult has the responsibility to teach and model the core ethical values and every social institution has the responsibility to promote the development of good character;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim October 16 - 22, 2011, as

## CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK

in Kentucky, and encourage all citizens to model good character in order to promote character development and ethical behavior in the youth of the Commonwealth.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eleven and in the 220<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

A handwritten signature of Steven L. Beshear in black ink.

STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Elaine N. Walker in black ink.

Elaine N. Walker  
Secretary of State

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ELAINE N. WALKER  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BY *R. J. [Signature]*

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